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Venice, January 7.

THIS Week arrived here from Spalato Collonel Gnoſtitz, Son of General Gnoſtitz, who is alſo on his Way hither. The Men of War lately launched in our Arſenal, are rigging and fitting out for Sea in the Port of Malomocco. On Monday laſt all the Devotions of the Chriſtmas Holydays were concluded with a ſolemn Proceſſion of the Doge and Senate in the Place of St. Mark, and with divine Service performed to Muſick in the Ducal Church, which on that Occaſion was illuminated. The next Night the Theatres and the Ridotto were opened, and there is already a great Concourſe of Strangers to partake of the Diverſions of the Carnival. 'Tis adviſed from Naples, that the Royal Officers are taking an exact Account of all the Revenues paid to the Apoſtolical Chamber, which are now ſequeſtred: And that a Book has been publiſhed there, juſtifying the Proceedings of the Court of Vienna, and ſetting forth that the Nunciature was eſtabliſhed in that Kingdom for an hundred Years only, by Virtue of a Contract between the Pope then reigning and the Emperour Charles V; but that Term being expired, that Office is fallen of it ſelf, and beſides, ought to be aboliſhed as being unneceſſary and oppreſſive.

Vienna, Jan. 12. The 6th Inſtant being the Birthday of the Empreſs-Mother, who was born in the Year 1655, the Court was very numerous and magnificent, and her Majeſty received the Viſits and Compliments of the Imperial Family, the Nobility, and other Perſons of Diſtinction, among whom the Prince Royal of Poland and Electoral of Saxony, made a publick Appearance. All the Imperial Family dined and ſupped that Day with the Empreſs-Mother. 'Tis not doubted the Empreſs Conſort is with Child again. General Count Merci arrived on the 6th from Temiſwaer. On the 7th the Prince of Anhalt Deſſau ſet out from hence, on his Return home by the Way of Prague. M. Broyninx, Miniſter of the States General at this Court, has received Letters from the Dutch Conſul at Smyrna dated the 12th of November, which ſay that Prince Ragotski was arrived at Conſtantinople; and that the late Grand Vizier who loſt the Battle of Belgrade, and upon his Return to Court was baniſhed to Salonica, had made his Eſcape from thence, upon Notice that an Officer was coming with an Order from the Grand Signior for his Head. 'Tis adviſed from Rome, that Count Gallas, who retired lately from thence to Naples, with a Deſign as 'twas thought to abſent himſelf for ſome Time, is already returned to his Poſt. The Pope's Nuncio here continues ſtill under a Prohibition of coming to Court. The Talk of ſending more Troops to Naples and Milan ſtill continues, but neither the Number of them, nor the Generals to command them are yet ſettled. The Elector of Trier arrived here two Days ago, and is lodged at Court: It is thought he will make ſome Stay here, tho' it is not known that he has any particular Buſineſs to negotiate. Count Volkra is likewiſe arrived here.

Berne, Jan. 12. The Deputies of the two Cantons of Zurich and Berne are now aſſembled at Baden with thoſe of the new Abbot of St. Gall, which laſt conſiſt of four Perſons, whereof two are Laicks, and the other two Prieſts. It is expected that the Demands of the Abbot will now ſoon be known; after which the Cantons will declare what Conceſſions they are diſpoſed to make in favour of the Pacification deſired. The Town of St. Gall has named two Deputies to go to Ravensberg, and Compliment on their Part the new Abbot of St. Gall upon his being raiſed to that Dignity.

Dreſden, Jan. 12. Count Fleming has been ſo much indiſpoſed ſince his Return from the Court of Berlin, that he has not yet been out of his Houſe, nor waited on the King ſince his Arrival from Frauſtadt. There is now no likelihood of his Majeſty's going to the Fair of Leipſick, which ends in a few Days. Two Officers of the Regiment of Seiſſans, named la Croix and de Parc, who ſome time ago were ſiezed in the Dutchy of Deuxponts, as being accuſed of a Deſign againſt the Perſon of King Staniſlaus, but were afterwards diſmiſſed, returned hither ſome Days ago: But were immediately taken into Cuſtody, and have ſince been impriſoned in the Caſtle of Sonneſtein.

Bruſſels, Jan. 17. A Placart was publiſhed on the 6th of September 1716, for confiſcating the Eſtates and Effects of ſuch Natives of the Auſtrian Netherlands, as had acted in Arms for King Philip and ſtill continued in his Service; but the putting it in Execution was ſuſpended, upon the Repreſentation of the moſt conſiderable Burghers of Antwerp and other Towns of theſe Provinces, that it would be prejudicial to Commerce, and eſpecially to ſuch as had Effects in Spain. By an expreſs Order from the Court of Vienna, that Suſpenſion is newly taken off, and the Marqueſs de Prié has written circular Letters to the Receivers eſtabliſhed in the ſeveral Provinces, directing them to proceed to the ſaid Confiſcation; and to make ſtrict and diligent Inquiry into all clandeſtine and fraudulent Conveyances and Alienations of ſuch Eſtates or Effects as were liable to Confiſcation by the ſaid Placart. The principal Perſons, and who will be moſt affected by this Proceeding, as having left good Eſtates in this Country, are the Marqueſs de Bay and Ingenier General Verboom. By Order from his Imperial Majeſty, the Marqueſs de Prié has nominated three Perſons for the

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